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Russian Offensive Grows In Power: Successes In Moscow And Rostov Areas

THREE SOVIET ARMIES DRIVING ON

Another Navy Success

10,000-TON HUN RAIDER SUNK

THE 9,975-TON CRUISER DORSETSHIRE, THE TERROR OF THE AXIS BLOCKADE RUNNERS, THE SHIP THAT TORPEDOED THE BISMARCK LAST MAY, HAS SUNK A 10,000-TON GERMAN SEA RAIDER IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

An official Admiralty communiqué last night said that a German submarine had spotted the raider, a converted merchant ship, the Dorsetshire closed in and sank the vessel without her suffering casualties or damage.

In command of the Dorsetshire was Capt. A. W. S. Agar, who won the V.C. and D.S.O. in the last war and caused the Germans to pay a price on his first command.

The crew were "on a peace mission," an admiral commanding, not that the raider was lying stopped. The British crews had orders and provisions, especially supplies for German U-boats were in the raiders' hold.

The vessel made off in a vain attempt to escape.

Dorsetshire had the signal "Our ship is burning, take me off, and soon the raider was sinking. No survivors were picked up.

"The British crews, though, made rescue work too risky,

and Capt. Agar proceeded "on a passage."

STORMS BUT FINE FOR RAF

WHILE RAF fighters, defying the winter weather, kept the sky over yesterday, were smashing up war planes in Northern France. Coastal Command bombers were hitting the enemy's supply ships out of action off the Norwegian coast. These were the R.A.F.'s division of the day.

Fighters: Dived from 10 ft. to 100 feet on three factories, two power stations, and a bridge, gunned a goods train.

Bombers: Direct hits on two medium size.

A Spitfire pilot of the squadron which fired the factories shot down a German plane. Plymouth after a dog-fight.

Not a single RAF plane was lost.

1,500 GERMANS KILLED IN RAF RAID ON GREECE

Snows Saturday.

Germans who fled from Greece were revealed in interviews with newspaper "Ethiopis" that they received a warm welcome. Some 1,500 Germans were killed or wounded in the raid, and many others became refugees.

Two other Greek planes which had been sent to the other side.

'NEARLY READY'

We Equip Poland's Army

Moscow, Saturday.

"POLISH ARMY reserves are enormous," said General Anders, Polish Commander-in-Chief in Russia, in an interview published in "Pravda."

He added: "We have increased the number of our divisions several-fold, and we are doing so."

When required the units of our army will gather on the Continent, join decisive battles with the Germans." Another unit, he added,

the main difficulties in forming the Polish Army in Russia have been overcome. Many units have arrived from England, and part of the armament has been supplied by Mr. Churchill to General Anders, while Mr. Hartmann of America made a similar promise to me—Reuter.

Rome Admits Notable Damage In Naples'

ADMISSION that notable damage was caused to buildings during an RAF raid on Naples on Friday night is made in yesterday's paper.

"Pravda's" correspondent on the scene said that the capital city of the south of Italy had to flee to Kalinin, he added, an engagement was fought in the direction of the important town.

Describing the fighting in the town, the correspondent said British aircraft, after breaking into the city, had indiscriminately bombing German houses from houses and from hastily erected fortifications.

Massive radio last night stated that some Red Army units had reached the Volga river at several points and captured two important positions on the opposite bank of the river.

Meanwhile other units, moving forward from a line northwest of Kalinin, broke through the front of the German forces.

The accident in which six were killed and two who were injured, were captured.

Two other enemy planes which had been sent to the other side.

Two other A.A. fire crashed into the sea, one to the north of Bala and the other off Cape Miseno.

REUTERS

RUSSIA TO RUN STATE LOTTERY

Moscow Radio states that the Soviet Government are to launch a State Lottery to take place on March 1 next.

The estimated value of one thousand million roubles are to be issued, and the profits used for war purposes.

THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IS GROWING IN STRENGTH. WEST OF ROSTOV, TIMOSHENKO'S VICTORIOUS FORCES CONTINUE TO PURSUE VON KLEIST'S DEFEATED ARMY; ANOTHER ONSLAUGHT BY SOVIET TROOPS WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY TO BE DEVELOPING IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE KLIN SECTOR, NORTH-WEST OF MOSCOW; AND IN THE TULA SECTOR A SOVIET DRIVE AIMING TO CUT OFF THE GERMANS STRIKING EAST OF TULA IS IN PROGRESS.

The Russian drive from Rostov for the Sea of Azov continues. The Soviet 56th Army, under General Rommel, has now reached the plain before Taganrog. German forces are hastening to evacuate the city with roads to the rear jammed with vehicles carrying ammunition and supplies.

Cossacks are pursuing the Germans, whose units said Moscow Radio last night, are now in flight, and are trying to cut them off.

Russian planes are bombing the German convoys as they leave Taganrog.

Fighting was taking place yesterday west of the town, and the Germans appear to have been passed.

Soviet troops have swept north towards Taganrog. Other units, advancing along the shores of the Sea of Azov, have reached the Taganrog peninsula and cut off the retreat of a number of German troops.

In an attempt to stem the German advance, the Soviets are being thrown in by the Germans, but so far without success.

OVER THE VOLGA

These reports from Moscow Press and radio, indicating the increasing strength of the Soviet armies, were at variance with German claims which boasted that Klin, north-west of Moscow, was firmly in German possession.

"Pravda's" correspondent on the scene said that the German contrary, that Friday was marked by a number of offensive operations by Red Army troops.

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MARRIAGE SECRET REVEALED

King Of The Belgians Weds A 'Pretty Commoner,' MARY LELIA BAELS, DAUGHTER OF THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF EAST FLANDERS.

The marriage, announced yesterday over the German radio, was stated to have taken place on November 9 in Brussels.

The news, added the message, was contained in a pastoral letter which the King had written to be read in all churches in Belgium today.

Mile Baels is about thirty years of age. She was at school in England during the last war. She is the present wife of the Belgian Queen Astrid, a year ago when her father was a Cabinet Minister, and is well known in Brussels as a socialite. She was married in 1926 to Princess Astrid of Sweden.

The accident in which six were killed occurred at the King drove his motor car along the lakeside road near Knokke, nine miles from Lucifer.

A PRISONER

The King, who lost control of the car, and it swerved towards the lake and crashed into a tree. Queen Astrid was thrown against the door of her husband and children at Laken Castle.

After the Germans blew up the Queen Astrid was captured and the King, his mother and children were released.

Leopold had capitulated. Leopold had to back from the head of his troops to the rear, and he described himself as a prisoner.

Since his capitulation he has refused to take any part in politics, and his country asserted that since the Germans captured him, it was their responsibility to run him.

No news has been received in official circles in London of the reported marriage.

JAP SHIPPING CHIEFS RECALLED

TOKYO, Saturday.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha Shipping Company has instructed the Japanese shipping chiefs to return to Japan.

It was stated that the plan for the protection had been worked out.

Australian ships stood ready for convoy work and fighting forces were posted at all strategic points in the Pacific.

Reuter

ANOTHER was also assured that all now want to leave Malaya and get special permission as a result of this decree. Japanese

colonies who were about to sail

in the Pacific.

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Here There and Any Old Where

SEVERAL readers seem to have made remarks about me calibrating my lawn mower in the back garden seriously, and now want advice on how to feed and look after their lawns.

One man writes: "My back yard is only 4 ft square. Have you any suggestions? I would like to get it fit to it." P.S.—I could cut a hole in the end wall for its head, but I don't know if another reader living in a bungalow with a flat roof wants a rough sketch and speculations of a suitable plan to hew a cow up to it!"

—S.C.—

If you will bear with me on this subject of cows for just one more paragraph, I should like to make it quite clear what I know about the beastly things.



My closest acquaintance with the species has been in my garden where I have seen them take a decided delight in lounging around in front of my car and stamping on the grass.

—S.C.—

POOR old Mussolini missed things up again yesterday, as was according to my secret agent's account, "in his study, dressed as a Tibetan horse-tamer."

Apparently he was supposed to be a couple of hours to his Nazis, but he had one of his Chinese bodyguards who was very absent-minded and the wrong batch of papers of his desk.

He was demonstrating, among other things, a scientific report on "real life in the Sangsang Sea," when he was interrupted by a young female signed "With from Fiji," and a large-scale

blown nose much too lividly to

be disturbed so after puzzling their heads over this strange collection of oddities, the two divisions decided that it must be in order.

The Times says this was the sign of the Bronx, and they therefore set out in the direction of America, where nothing has been heard of them since.

◇ THAT seems a fantastic story, doesn't it? I wonder if that "show" "X" is a phonetic or a code word for something? I'm going to find out all over the place in these extraordinary days, and I hope the news may begin to occur to me that he may be just inventing these stories.

What do you think?

◇ TEST question for War Reserve policemen: What was the name of the man sawing through the steel bars of a bank window grille by the light of a cigarette? Was it Eric Clegg or Henry Armstrong? Both were on Yes, and Primo "Alpling Alp" was the name of the man he was looking for. He was collecting scrap metal for the war effort.

(a) compliment him on his patriotism; (b) arrest him on suspicion; (c) tell him to hold his lantern for me. —S.C.—

◇ TOM BUNTER TROWBOWN turned out to be bigger and even more mischievous than the morning, and he explained that he was collecting scrap metal for the war effort, but he was fantastically good at it.

W.H.—I am sure that I have finished—

—S.C.—

POOR V. MILLS—V. Mills—looks a good thing to me. I have just come down to see him again, and he is looking as though he is in the mood for the war effort, but he is not finished—

Garnet—Garnet—Worried about the coal mine.

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